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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PK, PINT
SUBJECT: PAKISTAN POLITICAL SITUATION

1. THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN PAKISTAN REMAINED
ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED ON MARCH 22. THE PAKISTAN NATIONAL
ALLIANCE HIGH COMMAND HELD MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE DAY
IN LAHORE AND THESE MEETINGS CONTINUE ON MARCH 23. SO
FAR THE PNA PARTY LEADERSHIP HAS NOT PRODUCED AN OFFICIAL
RESPONSE TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S LATEST LATTER CALLING
FOR A DIALOGUE. HOWEVER, PNA SPOKESMAN TOLD A PRESS
CONFERENCE EVENING OF MARCH 22 THAT THE HIGH COMMAND HAS
DECIDED THAT IN VIEW OF SITUATION PREVAILING IN THE
COUNTRYAW, THE MOVEMENT WILL GO ON. NEARLY ALL POLITICAL
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OBSERVERS BELIEVE PNA WILL REJECT PM'S OFFER AND
CONTINUE CONFRONTATION.

2. ON THE GOVERNMENT SIDE, PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO TOOK
THE OCCASION OF HIS PAKISTAN DAY MESSAGE ON MARCH 23, TO
APPEAL TO THE NATION AND THE OPPOSITION FOR GOOD SENSE
AND A SUBMERGING OF DIFFERENCE TO MAKE DIALOGUE TRIUMPH

OVER DEFIANCE.

3. ON MARCH 22, PNA LEADERS FOLLOWED THEIR ROUTINE PROCEDURE OF COURTING ARREST AND HOLDING PROCESSIONS. SMALL DEMONSTRATIONS OCCURRED IN SEVERAL CITIES AND TOWNS IN PAKISTAN, WITH VIOLENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING TEAR GAS AND LATHI CHARGES BY POLICE REPORTED IN LAHORE AND HYDERABAD. (CONGEN KARACHI HAS REPORTED EVENTS IN THAT CITY BY SEPTTEL.).

4. PNA LEADERS ON MARCH 22 REITERATED PLANS TO SUSPEND DEMONSTRATIONS FOR THE DAY OF MARCH 23, PAKISTAN DAY, AND TO HOLD A GENERAL STRIKE ON MARCH 26.
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